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Applicant: **John A. Hayduke** ✓
Serial No. **09/992,196** ✓
Filed: **November 19, 2001** ✓
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Group Art Unit: **1774** ✓
Examiner: **Camie S. Thompson** ✓
In reply to: **Examiner's Letter of April 18, 2003**

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the first Office Action of April 18, 2003 which rejected all of the claims only under §103 in view of a combination of applied references.

In response to this Office Action, please amend the claims as follows: